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Something new under the sun—Jacksonville won a game Monday.

Legislatures may come, and Legislatures may go—but Gilchrist votes forever.

The Legislature spent 60 days passing bills, while the governor has but 10 days in which to veto them—which may account for some bills becoming law.

The *Manatee Record* states that celery seed for next year's crop is already arriving in that section. This is meant as a tip to the truckers in this section. Volusia should produce an hundred times as much celery as she does.

The *Jasper News* laments because there is no Democratic party in Florida, claiming that the so-called "Democratic party" is composed of Democrats, Republicans, Populists and Socialists. The *Jasper News* is correct. But what of it? The governor himself admits that every white man in Punta Gorda—of whatever political faith—participated in the primary held under Democratic auspices and helped in his nomination. It is better so, since there is no opposition party in Florida. Let every white man vote in the primaries; let him learn that the Government is his Government. The government in Florida, while it is not conducted just like Tom or Harry or you, or I would conduct it, is close to the people, and is liable to recall at any and every election.

The town of DeLand now has a set of officers, composed of the most prominent and successful business men of the town—men who have made financial successes of their own businesses by hard work and good management, without scandal of any kind, without fraud or deceit. These men will work for the good of the town as they would work, and do work, for themselves. In this they deserve the support and encouragement of the citizens. When you see anything that needs remedying, when you see anything going wrong, go to the mayor or the chairman of the committee within whose province it is to remedy it, and report the matter. Don't knock DeLand must be pushed onward. Let all work with the council, the mayor, the clerk, the treasurer and the marshal to advance the interests of the town. These men, especially the members of the council who give their time entirely free, can do a vast amount for the town if they have the support of the people. They can do nothing without your support. Push, don't pull.

**IN NORTH CAROLINA**

The following letter from Miss Bessie Wireger, formerly of DeLand, whose friends here are numbered only by those who know her, written from Foscoe, N. C., where she is doing missionary school work for the Episcopal denomination, will be of interest to DeLandites. The letter was dated April 8.

I can scarcely realize that I have been here nearly six months. I seem to have done very little, and yet I can see that my place in the community is beginning to be recognized, and that is the hardest thing to win I think. These mountain people are outwardly the personification of ready hospitality, but, under all that, their reticent secretiveness holds you at arms' length when it comes to the real inner doors of their lives which you have to enter. Only after you have "doctored on" the baby successfully, and tied up innumerable sore hands and feet, and eaten innumerable awful meals before admiring audiences, and walked and talked and visited with them, do these people really let you in even to the outer edge of the "fur" field of their lives.

It is just that outer edge that I am living in now. Some few families have permitted their children to come out to the fence and talk to "we uns," and a few adults occasionally come with them. In other words, the school and Sunday-school which we have established are just beginning to be factors in the community. We call our school the Prout School, in memory of that splendid Mr.

Prout who came here more than sixty years ago, and labored faithfully both at Valle Crucis and at Foscoe, when this country was far more primitive than it is now. The Prout property now belongs to the Rev. Mr. Atkins, priest in charge of the Mission. Mr. Atkins makes the house his headquarters when he is in this country, and I and my mother live here and supply a constant sort of variety show to the people, with all our "odd tricks" as they call alcohol stove, chafing dish, table linen, grace before meals, and numberless other properties and customs. We strive to show in our lives the beauty of cleanliness and order and the use of beautiful surroundings, for these mountain people are very quick to imitate if they can only see the value of the thing to be imitated.

We hope before long to be able to rebuild the little chapel which Mr. Prout built near the house; a simple little log affair, founded on a huge mass of rock high above the valley. The fact that we have no place for Sunday School except a room in the house, keeps many away, and those who come can scarcely be taught the same feeling of reverence which a chapel would give without teaching.

But just now all our energies are going toward a schoolhouse, and, even before that, toward a school bell. No two people keep the same time, and consequently school and Sunday School are distractingly irregular affairs. We have had at the height of our school term, which term began at Thanksgiving, and closes at Easter, only sixteen pupils in school, and never all sixteen at once for more than two successive days. This may sound very discouraging, but when you remember that it is a "pay school" and that we were told we wouldn't have more than four or five at the most, it doesn't seem so bad. The Sunday School record is very encouraging. At first we had sometimes two, sometimes six, sometimes none at all. Now we can count on at least nine steady, faithful ones, and often we have fifteen or more. At first the children, many of them did not even know whose birthday Christmas is. Now they have many Old Testament stories, many Bible verses and hymns at their tongues' end. They know the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, most of them the Ten Commandments, by heart. They can follow morning and evening prayer, singing the Venite, and, most difficult of all to accomplish, saying Amen to the prayers. They delight in the little services which Mr. Atkins holds for them when he is here once a month for a Sunday, and their parents look with pride upon the marvelous things which "them Episcopalians" learned the children.

Just now we are busy, the children and I, learning things for Easter. We have no service here on that day, Mr. Atkins being in another county. The local Primitive Baptist preacher is to preach at the school house on "The Destiny of the Wicked!" Our Sunday School, however, will be as festive as possible. The violets and wild cherry blossoms are out, and the children are going to bring me plenty of them. They have learned the Easter lesson, St. Matthew 28; and hymns 110 and 116. Easter Sunday we shall have a little party for children and parents, "speaking pieces," singing, and hunting eggs.

I must tell you about the small nine-year-old boy who has just brought the mail for me. It is a cold rainy day, and his mother has arrayed him in a large fur-trimmed cape and a pale blue fascinator tied around his ear. Can't you imagine how that youngster would have been treated by boys in a "civilized" town? I am afraid they would have rolled him in the mud, or "ducked" him as it is, he has come to school day after day in that same outfit, and not even a laugh have I heard at his expense. Surely one finds certain lovable Christian graces more abundant in the backwoods than in the city!

They are lovable, loving little souls, these children of mine, and they need us—church and school—so sadly. I believe they are many loyal embryo churchmen and women among them, to be born anew of water and the Holy Ghost, just as soon as teaching and loving can remove prejudice which is strong among the parents.

**THE SHEEP AND  
THE GOATS.**

On the last day of the Legislative session, Representative Alexander introduced the following resolution:

By Mr. Alexander, of Volusia—  
 House Resolution No. 136:

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of Florida is made up entirely of men who were elected as Democrats; and  
 Whereas, It has been clearly demonstrated by the position taken by various legislators, in both branches of the Legislature, during the past several sessions, that there are two distinct

parties here represented, both claiming to be Democrats; and

Whereas, A reference to the position taken by these parties upon pending legislation clearly shows a cardinal difference of opinion, the adherents of one party supporting, by their legislative vote, the time-honored principles and policies enunciated by Thomas Jefferson and all the other great Democratic leaders, and the adherents of the other party opposing these principles whenever there has been an effort to enact them into law; and

Whereas, The existence in fact of these two antagonistic parties, both claiming to be Democratic, is commonly known and remarked by a vast majority of the people of this State; and

Whereas, We believe that the public weal demands that all parties should clearly define their position upon all public questions requiring legislation; and

Whereas, We feel that it is injurious to the Democratic party to include within its ranks those who are known to be opposed to its principles; and

Whereas, We believe that the greatest good to the greatest number is embodied in the great foundation principles of Democracy, and that the party will act to its detriment if it longer carries under its banner persons who do not believe in its principles, and who use their influence for the defeat of these principles; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the State Democratic Executive Committee of Florida is most respectfully though most earnestly, requested to adopt the following declaration of principles, and to require that the same be subscribed to by all voters and candidates asking the privilege of participation in any Democratic primary election to be held in this State, to-wit:

We believe that the right to rule the country is irrevocably vested in the people themselves, and that this right to rule includes the right to regulate all the public utility corporations, whether municipal, State or National.

We believe that all capital actually invested in public utilities should be protected and safe-guarded by law just as fully as property rights of other kinds, but we also believe that the franchise or privilege to do a public utility business belongs to the people in the aggregate; therefore, we believe also, that those engaged in doing a public utility business should not be permitted to make capital of, nor derive profits from, the value of their franchises.

Since all corporations are the creatures of the law, being born of a desire to promote the happiness and welfare of the masses, we are opposed to their interference with the politics and legislation of the State and the nation, and advocate a rigid enforcement of all the laws intended to remedy this apparent evil.

Believing that the people themselves are sovereign, we are unalterably opposed to any policy which seeks to make them and their toil the financial asset of any individual or group of individuals, and it shall be our policy, at all times and all places, and by all manner of honorable means, to endeavor to create sentiment and enact laws which will secure to every one the just value of his productive work.

We believe that the country and all its resources belong inherently to the masses of the people, and that the laws governing society and commerce should be so framed and administered as to preserve unto the masses this rich heritage forever, rather than to permit it to be monopolized as private property to the enormous enrichment of the few and at the expense of poverty, ignorance and suffering to the many.

We believe in the time-honored doctrine that all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that our present system of primary elections secures a fuller expression of that consent than does any other method. We also believe that the time has fully come when the mere passive consent of the governed should, as far as possible, be replaced by an active request. Under the convention system in the so-called Democratic South a mere passive consent was all that the people had a chance to give, but under the individual responsibility imposed by the primary system they are growing wiser in governmental affairs and are becoming more self-reliant. It may be true, as asserted by some, that they have made mistakes, but we have an abounding faith in their ability to ultimately master the situation and establish things in the order they ought to be. Therefore, we are opposed to any action which will in any way weaken or abridge the functions of the primary election as at present sanctioned by the laws of this State and the usages of our party.

Mr. Alexander moved the adoption of the resolution.

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*Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.*

Notice is hereby given that Frances Dickinson, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 222, dated the 3rd day of June A. D., 1907, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Volusia County, Florida, to-wit: E 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 12, Tp. 18 south R. 30 east. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Mary E. Herbert. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 6th day of July A. D., 1909.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 4th day of June A. D., 1909.

[Seal] SAM'L D. JORDAN,  
 Clerk Circuit Court Volusia County, Florida.

*Notice of Application for Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.*

Notice is hereby given that Frances Dickinson, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 207, dated the 3rd day of June A. D., 1907, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Volusia County, Florida, to-wit: NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 6, Tp. 18 south Range 30 east, 10 acres. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of J. L. Driver. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 6th day of July, A. D., 1909.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 4th day of June A. D., 1909.

[Seal] SAM'L D. JORDAN,  
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